

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring Mrs. H. Bert (Ruth) Mack for her loyalty and dedication to The Hillcrest Jewish Center.

TRIBUTE TO HOUSTON COUNTY
LEGISLATOR JOSEPH SHERRILL
STAFFORD

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a great American and Georgian, Joseph Sherrill Stafford, who died Tuesday, May 9, 2000.

Mr. Stafford was an inspiration to all of us. As a leader and public servant, he believed strongly in doing what's right, and always gave 100 percent of himself to the people of Houston County, placing his faith in the Lord, his family, and his country. He will be greatly missed by the people of Georgia and his accomplishments will be long remembered.

Mr. Stafford was a graduate of Perry High School and married the former Ann Hallman of Bibb County, Georgia, in 1961. He served in the Army, from 1954–1956, and retired from Robins Air Force Base in 1989 after 30 years. He began his political career more than four decades ago as the mayor of Centerville, Georgia. Mr. Stafford was the first full-time chairman of the Houston County Commission, beginning in 1991, served as Chairman of the 21st Century Partnership, the community support group for Robins Air Force Base, taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church of Centerville, and just recently was named president of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I had the distinct pleasure of working very closely with Mr. Stafford on many projects. During his long and enduring career, Mr. Stafford always remembered the ones he represented in a smooth, soothing and effective manner. Mr. Stafford was proud of the new courthouse and jail under construction near Perry, Georgia and will long be remembered in my mind, and the people of Georgia as an honest, hard working, servant of his constituents and his country.

I will miss Sherrill Stafford as a public servant, but I will miss him even more as a good friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall nos. 180, 181, 182, and 183 I was unavoidably detained and missed these votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all four votes.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF LINDA
N. CLARK

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mrs. Linda Clark, principal of Flint Hill Elementary School in Vienna, Virginia. She has been the principal of Flint Hill Elementary for the past 25 years and will be retiring this week. From her humble start as a Third Grade teacher in Illinois to her being named the principal of Flint Hill Elementary in 1975, she has exemplified all that is good about the educational profession.

As principal of Flint Hill Elementary, Linda demonstrated and encouraged creativity and innovation in the classroom. She continually encouraged the staff, students and parents to stretch their talents and strengths and attempt new goals and endeavors, while always respecting the personality, teaching, and learning styles of staff, students, and parents.

Linda has always tried to foster cooperation between her school and her students' community. She held monthly parent coffees in various Flint Hill neighborhoods, and she created "Curriculum Nights" for various grade levels to share with parents. Linda also created "Highlights," a quarterly newsletter sent to all Flint Hill Elementary School families, which provides information on grade level curriculum activities for the upcoming school quarter. While strengthening ties between the school and the community, Linda also was an integral part of maintaining continuing dialogue between the faculty and staff in Flint Hill Elementary. Linda met regularly with staff members to discuss their professional growth and concerns. She always participated in morning and afternoon Flint Hill news programs, and she enjoyed meeting with individual and groups of students to discuss various issues, all-the-while encouraging feedback from students and staff regarding school programs and procedures.

While making Flint Hill Elementary School a friendlier place to learn, Linda took steps to keep herself, her staff, and faculty abreast of new developments in the field of education. To do this, she solicited feedback from many areas of expertise in formulating the school's curriculum. She shared reading material with the staff dealing with educational issues in particular child development: learning styles and brain development. Linda and Flint Elementary are also the proud hosts of the Area III Technology Expo, where Fairfax County School staff and students share and learn about the latest developments in the fields of computer and technological instruction related to POS and SOL objectives. I have had the opportunity to attend this expo on several occasions and can attest to its depth and substance.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish to thank Principal Clark for all she has done for Flint Hill Elementary School over the past 25 years. She has been a role model for her students and colleagues, and she exemplifies the ideal of being a "lifelong learner." Her obvious curiosity about the world, its cultures, its people and her love of learning and sharing of knowl-

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edge are contagious. I know my colleagues join me in honoring Linda for her 25 years of dedicated service to educating our children and improving our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote Monday, due to family obligations requiring my presence in Milwaukee. I was also present for a vote on Tuesday evening and believe I voted, but my vote was not recorded.

On rollcall No. 187, concerning an amendment (H. Amdt. 709) offered by Representative GEKAS to the Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act (H.R. 853), I was present but my vote was not recorded. I had intended to vote "nay."

On rollcall No. 182, Expressing the Sense of the Congress with Regard to In-School Personal Safety Education Programs for Children (H. Con. Res. 309), had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 181, regarding the Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Transfers to North Korea Act (H.R. 4251), had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 180, regarding Naming a room in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol in honor of G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery (H. Res. 491), had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING ROBERT C. MCGANN,
ACTING JUSTICE OF THE NEW
YORK STATE SUPREME COURT

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Judge Robert McGann for his long career of service to the city and state of New York. Judge McGann will be the Guest of Honor at this year's Catholic Lawyers Guild annual dinner on May 24th.

Born on June 11th, 1948, Judge McGann is a native of Queens County. He is a 1969 graduate of Fordham University, where he received a degree in Political Philosophy. He served on the Editorial Board of the Law Review at New York Law School where he was awarded a Juris Doctor degree in 1972.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge McGann was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County in 1972, serving under Thomas Mackell, Michael Armstrong and Nicholas Ferraro. In 1976, he was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General in the office of Special Prosecutor John F. Keenan. From 1981 to 1986, he was an Inspector General in the administration of New York City Mayor Edward Koch.

Mayor Koch appointed him to the New York City Criminal Court in 1986. He has served as